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the radio, or see Christmas performances on television? . . .

"Can they stop the observance of Christmas by Jewish adults to whom Christmas and its spirit of good-will, gaiety and generosity is the most beautiful symbol of America in contrast to the Old World of prejudice and hatred from which they fled? . . . Both

*When Separation of Pupils
for the Religious Law*

"In the assignment, transfer or continuance of pupils among and within the schools, or within the classroom and other facilities thereof, the following factors and the effect or results thereof shall be considered, with respect to the individual pupil, as well as other relevant matters:

1. "Available room and teaching capacity in the various schools;
2. "Availability of transportation facilities;
3. "The effect of the admission of new pupils upon established or proposed academic programs;
4. "Suitability of established curricula for particular pupils;
5. "Adequacy of the pupil's academic preparation for admission to a particular school and curriculum;
6. "The scholastic aptitude and relative intelligence or mental energy or ability of the pupil;
7. "The psychological qualification of the pupil for the type of teaching and associations involved;
8. "Effect of admission of the pupil upon the academic progress of other students in a particular school or facility thereof;
9. "Effect of admission upon prevailing academic standards in a particular school;
10. "The psychological effect upon the pupil of attendance at a particular school;
11. "The possibility or threat of friction or disorder among pupils or others;
12. "The possibility of breaches of the peace or ill-will or economic retaliation within the community;
13. "The home environment of the pupil;
14. "The maintenance or severance of established social and psychological relationships with other pupils and with teachers;
15. "Choice and interest of the pupil;
16. "Moral conduct, health and personal standards of the pupil;
17. "The request or consent of parents or guardian and the reason assigned therefore."

the religious and non-religious Jewish organizations are basing their fight against the observance of Christmas in the public schools on the principle of separation of church and state. But at the same time, in Israel—a country which all these public bodies hold up as a model of perfect Jewish life, to be emulated by all Jews in the world—this principle is despised, banned and violated in the most flagrant manner . . . If the separation of church and state is so vital that it determines the very existence of a democracy, why is it forbidden by law in Israel? . . . Will such tactics help the Jewish 'defense' agencies in their defense of American Jews against antisemitism which their own actions are sure to bring about?"

Why Some Republicans Leave Home

We are informed that Richard M. Bissell is about to be made Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the new chief of what are perhaps CIA's most significant activities in relation to the country's security and survival; that Robert Matteson is to become a member of CIA's top intelligence unit, the National Estimate Board; and that Archibald S. Alexander is to be named head of the Free Europe Committee, an influential and much publicized position over which CIA exercises control.

Here are men of good reputé, with records of public service. But do these traits qualify them for appointment—by a Republican President, moreover, in a nation supposedly governed under a party system—to three critical jobs of the most delicate and difficult order? Consider.

Mr. Bissell took one of his university degrees at the London School of Economics in 1932-33, the heyday of avowed Marxist Harold Laski, from whom, his entire career indicates, he learned his lessons well. From 1948-51 he was assistant and then acting Administrator of the Economic Cooperation Administration ("foreign aid"), where he stood for unconditioned largesse to all nations. He is consultant to the Social Research Council, which has financed so many hundreds of left-wing ideologues. Mr. Bissell, a Washington resident, is socially linked to the Washington Post set; and Mr. Bissell is a Democrat.

Robert Matteson is, it is true, a Republican: a Stassen Republican. For nearly two decades, until Harold Stassen's departure from Washington a few months ago, Mr. Matteson was his aide, confidant and brain truster. As such, he performed one of his last and typical services as Mr. Stassen's assistant at the incredible London conference on disarmament.

Archibald S. Alexander is a wealthy and socially prominent New Jersey resident. He has had a num-